

REMARKS

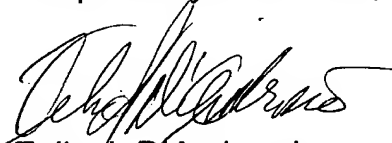
Receipt of the Office Action of July 25, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1-10 and 12 have been examined in this RCE application. As a result of this examination claim 5 is objected to and indicated as containing allowable subject matter while claims 1-4, 6-10 and 12 are rejected. Claims 1 and 5 are also objected to on formal grounds.

In view of the objection to claim 5, applicant has cancelled claim 5 and added the subject matter of claim 5 to claim 1 as further amended. This further amendment of claim 1 includes the correction to line 8 and a correction to the insertion from claim 5, both corrections being suggested by the examiner. As amended, claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

There remains for consideration the rejections of claims 2-4, 6-10 and 12. Since these rejected claims depend from claim 1, which as amended is now allowed, no further comment on the rejection is necessary, and claims 2-4, 6-10 and 12 should now be allowed along with claim 1 as further amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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